

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 9341

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ROME FOR VATICAN OFFICE

EO 11652GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PL  
SUBJ: HEALTH AND COMMENTS OF CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI

1. I SAW THE PRIMATE DECEMBER 22 AND EXCHANGED CHRISTMAS  
AND NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS WITH HIM.

2. WYSZYNSKI HAS AGED SINCE I SAW HIM ON NOVEMBER 4.  
HE LOOKS TIRED. I WOULD EVEN SAY THAT HIS HAIR SEEMS  
TO HAVE GONE WHITER THAN I REMEMBER IT FROM NOVEMBER.  
HOWEVER, HE IS INTELLECTUALLY AS ALERT AND VIGOROUS AS  
EVER.

3. THE PRIMATE COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON THE SITUATION IN  
POLAND, SAYING THAT, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION HE  
RECEIVES, THE SITUATION SEEMS RELATIVELY SOMEWHAT CALMER.  
HE IS INCLINED TO ASCRIBE THIS IMPROVEMENT, AT LEAST  
IN PART, TO THE FIRST SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH THE POPE  
AND APPEARS TO TAKE A MODEST PRIDE IN HAVING CONTRIBUTED  
TO THIS RESULT. THE CARDINAL SAID, "I PREFER THAT  
GIEREK GO TO ROME INSTEAD OF TO THE CRIMEA".

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4. CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI ENDORSED PRESIDENT CARTER'S  
EMPHASIS ON HUMANI RIGHTS. GIVEN THE DIFFERENT INTERPRETA-  
TION COMMUNIST LEADERS GIVE TO WORDS SUCH AS "DEMOCRACY" AND  
"FREEDOWN", WYSZYNSKI SAID THAT TALKING ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS WITH  
THEM IS "A DISCUSSION WITH THE DEAF". NEVERTHELESS HE SAID,  
BECAUSE DISCUSSION AT LEAST "DEFINES THE TASKS," IE, THOSE  
WITH WHICH THE WEST HAS TO COPE IN ITS EFFORT TO DEAL

WITH THE COMMUNISTS.  
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